

BLUE ALL THE RAGE

But the Color is Relieved by
Plenty of Crimson.

BROADWAYS PREVAILING SHADE

Novelty in October Millinery—The
Vest Coat—Costuming at a Wedding.
Pretty Theater Gowns.

New York city is blue. I don't think the color has had anything to do with it because the business physical is relieved of any suspicion of blueism by its buoyant and brilliant combinations with other colors.

The prevailing business is of all shades, from the faintest gray blue to the darkest blue black. On Broadway the other morning in a walk of a very few blocks I noted in an odd corner of my memory:

1. A graceful gown of navy blue serge banded at the bottom with alternating stripes of old rose and green velvet ribbon.

2. A navy blue tailor gown with blouse bodice of bluish scarlet and green silk under a figure jacket with the same lining.

3. A trained street dress of royal blue with Russian blouse of crimson and black velvet cuffs and collar.

4. A gray and blue mixed cloth dress figured with passion flowers in dark blue and worn with a long coat bodice and plain skirt banded with iridescent green and blue cock's feathers.

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I have seen nothing else so novel as these unless it be the going away mantle, so to speak, that accompanied the traveling costume of a pretty bride. Said mantle was of plaided crimson and cream velvet, reaching the knees and finished at the bottom with a ball fringe.

It fitted like a habit bodice and buttoned diagonally in front. It had loose, caped sleeves which fell over tight under sleeves. It was wonderfully pretty and bright to lighten the humor of the world on a dull day. The hat that traveled in its company was a flat brown felt with a wandering spray of crimson and brown noisettes.

The autumn weddings furnish much to look at. At a church ceremony on Thursday spikes of brilliant gladioli seemed to rise out of the half twilight everywhere through the building. Against this background of dark and color stood the tall bride in ivory white bengaline trimmed with old Limerick lace, a Watteau plait of this filmy drape fell over a princess train from the neck. Her tulle veil was fastened with tiny white saters.

Grouped about her were six bridesmaids in emerald dresses of white crepon, with great yellow silk sashes and large hats of white felt trimmed with golden rods. They carried each a basket of white asters, tied with yellow ribbon.

The reception after the wedding brought out some of the finest autumn foliage yet seen, as for example, a pure white corduroy, with an open jacket finished with large pearl buttons; a pearl gray cloth dress, with bodice arranged with folds of black velvet and black lace drapery about the shoulders, rising at the throat into a ruff embroidered with another of pearl sequins; a pale-green bengaline dress trimmed with narrow pink ruffles; a peach-pink bengaline, fuchsed with pink and black and worn with a huge shaft of pink velvet, and a Watteau-green bengaline with a narrow wing bow of moss-green velvet at the foot and a giraffe of green velvet, making a pointed corsalet behind.

Pretty theater costumes are beginning to materialize. A box party that attracted a good deal of attention last evening had two handsome young matrons to the fore. One of them wore a diaphanous dress of creamy brown cloth with big triangular revers of yellow velvet, a folded yellow velvet sash and yellow cuffs to the leg of mutton sleeves. A great lace fichu edged in the bottom with a row of yellow velvet and a great lace fichu edged in the bottom with a row of yellow velvet.

The milliners are busier than the dressmakers up to date, and they are turning out felt in preference to most other materials. In wandering about at an opening yesterday the prettiest thing I saw was a flat white felt with a furry beaver edge and a top covered

with Alaskan bows of white ribbon tied in with some big white velvet orchids.

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More curious to my thinking, than pretty was a small white felt conical with an enormous prism-shaped jet beanie crossing its entire front and an imperious black plume rising behind this straight in air. A narrow black ruche edged all beneath and rested on the hair.

A good deal of the millinery felt has a beaver edge so thick and heavy as to pass for fur. A brown hat with a straight brim of this description is trimmed with cream-colored velvet and has creamy feathers set under the brim and almost covering the knot of hair.

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lion retired to the furthest corner of the inclosure, and tried to scramble out, but was clapped with a few blows before he had started a few hours before. He had taken a belt line Santa Fe train over the kite-shaped track.

CURIOUS REGION.

Where the Sound of a Footfall Can Be Heard for Miles.

An old soldier who has seen service in many countries told an Albany Press and Knickerbocker man that the queerest region he ever saw is about Dry lake, in California. Dry lake scarcely ever has any water in it. It is like an arid plain with an area of two and a half miles. On one side rise the the Pit River mountains and on the other are great lava beds, in which the Indians found a good looking place during the Modoc war, which was the last great struggle California had with the savages. A winding road leads up from the valley below into the curious basin.

If a horse walks along the road even two miles away from Dry lake he can be heard for miles and miles. The ground about sends forth a hollow sound. A footfall even on this road will be heard like a sound in a cavern. This road served as a great sounding board to the soldiers on picket duty. If an attack from the Indians was apprehended the pickets would listen intently with their ears to the ground. If a horse was moving anywhere within two or three miles it would be instantly heard and the soldiers would put themselves in defense. The winding road is like a great whispering gallery.

WEIGHING THE MAHARAJAH.

A Ton of Gold Necessary to Raise His Highness.

The ancient ceremony of weighing the maharajah of Travancore against an equivalent weight of gold appears to have been conducted this year with great pomp and ceremony.

Some months before the occasion the government purchased through its commercial agent at Alleppey about two thousand pounds weight of pure gold, the greater part of which was converted into coins for this purpose.

After presenting an abundant offering to the shrine, the maharajah entered the building prepared for the occasion, and, having completed the preliminary ceremony, mounted one of the scales.

The sword and shield were laid in his lap; in the other side of the scale the gold coins struck for the occasion were placed by the first and second princes till it touched the ground and the maharajah rose in the air, the priest meanwhile chanting Vedic hymns. Subsequently the official distributors of the coins from the gate gates to fifteen thousand Brahmins.

DRUNKEN HOGS.

Two Porks Under the Baneful Influence of the Intoxicant.

"Did you ever see a hog drunk?" asked one of the party of story tellers in a St. Louis hotel. "No, I don't mean the two-legged variety, but the sure enough hog, such as the Cadarens were tending about the devilish shore to do the Sappho act. Well, sir, a drunk hog acts just like a drunk man. I was once boarding at a hotel in Oshkosh, Wis., in the basement of which was a big beer saloon. The boss owned two fat porkers and he used to feed them the stale beer every morning. One day he had an unusual quantity of the foaming beverage that had got fat. He gave them a palful and left the rest by the back door. The barkeeper saw it and, supposing the porkers had not had their morning snifter, gave them another palful. The porkers began to get gay and I sneaked another bucket of the amber fluid to the pen. Pretty soon they began to squeal and fight and kick up the very dike. The saloonist was astonished. I suggested that they had fits and that bleeding might help them. He cut off their tails but that did not appear to bring relief. They finally sank down dead drunk and I carried them through the crowd to a tip. He went around and bought them for two dollars apiece, loaded them into his wagon and proceeded on his rounds, covering them with fatty scraps of all descriptions. He had not proceeded far until he met a picnic party headed by a brass band. The music aroused the porkers from their lethargy, they scrambled out of the cart, covered with grease and blood, rushed through the crowd to do some pleasure seeking as though old Nick was after them and shedding soap-fat and consternation on every hand. Somebody suggested that they had the hydrophobia and for half an hour they were the undisputed masters of the streets of Oshkosh."

PROPOSING TO HERSELF.

The Mean Advantage a Patient Took of a Pretty Nurse.

There was one young person possessed of a pretty face, a kind heart and a head full of ideas, who was doing something to assist her fellow beings. After some eloquent persuasion she obtained the consent of her family to enter a hospital to study for the work of a trained nurse.

Among the pretty enthusiasts' first patients was a young man with a broken arm and of an attractive appearance. The demure, white-capped nurse began to take an unusual interest in him, and asked him one day if there was anything she could do for him. He told her he could read, but she could not read. The patient gratefully accepted the latter offer, and the nurse prepared to write for him a dictation.

He began with a tender address to his "dearest love," and the little nurse felt slightly embarrassed. But she continued through the most ardent declarations of adoring love for all time. Then she told the letter and slipped it into his envelope.

"To whom shall I direct it?" she asked.

The wicked young man said amiably and even tenderly:

"What is your name, please?"

They have been married a little more than a year now.

RUSSIAN GIRLS ON EXHIBITION.

A Metropolitan Market Held in St. Petersburg Every Week Monday.

In compliance with an ancient Russian custom all the young men and women of the mercantile class in St. Petersburg assemble on Whit Monday, the former to share and the latter to be shared at, says the author of "Sketches in St. Petersburg." The young girls, dressed as richly as their means will allow, are arranged in long rows by the sides of the street, the women, with their husbands standing

behind them. The wardrobes of their mothers and grandmothers are laid under contribution, and everything bright and gaudy is carefully brought forward to enrich the drapery, the headpiece or the girdle. Some of the young ladies are so covered with gold and jewelry on this occasion that their natural charms are altogether concealed. Indeed, the ludicrous excess to which this sort of decoration is sometimes carried goes beyond what has ever been attempted elsewhere.

Thus bodiced, the blushing damsels are drawn up in mute rows, while the papes, in flowing caftans and curling beards, parade their sons up and down. Here and there the papes and mammas try to lead the young folks into conversation with one another, in the course of which certain little looks and emotions may arise, pregnant with future circumstances. Eight days or so after this bridal exhibition private family meetings take place, at which those whose hearts are captivated at the grand show are more formally affianced to one another by their parents and relatives.

THE CHANCE OF DYING.

Facts of Interest to Those Overlooked at the Cholera Epidemic.

In an approximate way let us measure the chances, so far as an adult being is concerned, of dying of cholera during an epidemic. Normally, at 37 years of age, says an insurance journal, a healthy man has about one chance in 125 of dying within one year, all causes of death being taken into account. At age 39 his chance of dying within one year is about one in an even 100; at age 50, about one in 65; at age 70, about one in 15. Assuming that a fearful cholera scourge, equal to that in London in 1849, should occur in New York city (which is extremely unlikely) there would probably be from 10,000 to 12,000 deaths. On the basis of 10,000 there would be about one death in every 200 of the population, all ages considered—that is to say, the chance of dying of cholera during a year of epidemic would be about one in 200. About one-half of the deaths would occur under age 25. At age 27 the cholera hazard would add about 8-10 of 1 per cent. to the probability of death within one year; at age 30, about one-half of 1 per cent; at age 50, about 6-10 of 1 per cent; and at age 70 a similar percentage.

These are not alarming additions from the point of view of the individual, although they would mean a great deal in an increased number of deaths. The singular fact was noted, however, that during the cholera epidemic in Great Britain in 1849, notwithstanding the numerous deaths from cholera, the general mortality for a long time was below the average.

WOMEN SOLDIERS.

Seven Women Enrolled as Regimental Officers in the German Army.

Seven women now hold the place of regimental chief in the army of Prussia. The present emperor, according to the New York Tribune, is responsible for the appointment of five women. The oldest woman colonel is Empress Frederica, who was placed at the head of a regiment of hussars October 18, 1861, the date of the coronation of Emperor William I. Princess Frederica Charles, widow of the famous "Red" prince, ranks second in point of time, having been made chief of a regiment of dragons in 1871. Queen Victoria, the third female commander by courtesy, has been chief of another regiment of dragons since 1889. Princess Albert, of Prussia, wife of the regent of Brunswick, has been chief of a regiment of fusiliers since 1889, also. Empress Augusta Victoria, wife of his majesty, has been commander of a regiment of the same branch of the service since 1890. The duchess of Connaught, daughter of the red prince, is a colonel of infantry, receiving the honor two years ago. The queen regent of the Netherlands, became a colonel a few weeks ago. The duchess of Edinburgh, although not the head of a regiment, is attached in the records to one of the regiments of the guards.

Salvia Cocleens.

This is one of the oldest green-house sages and among the nearest growing of the entire genus. It is a freely branching kind, which forms a pretty little bushy specimen about eighteen inches high, and toward the end of the summer and in autumn it is plentifully studded with bright scarlet blossoms. Planted in the open ground, it is very attractive till spoiled by the rains and frosts of autumn. Not only is it very pretty treated in this way, but it also succeeds well in pots and is valuable for the green house at a time when many of the summer flowering things are past their best and the chrysanthemums come in. Like most of its allies, this salvia is of easy propagation and culture, the principal thing to observe being that the plants do not receive any severe check, otherwise they are very liable to be attacked by insect pests.

A Queer French Custom.

One of the oldest customs in French cemeteries is the existence of a card receiver in the majority of the mortuary chapels. Therein the friends of the family who pass before the tomb of a defunct acquaintance deposit a paste-board, that the survivors may know which of the members of their sex has passed to do homage to the dead. It is certainly a very civil idea, but has extremely taken back would be the courteous callers if their late friend were to find the example of the statue in "Don Giovanni" and return the call in person.

Farmers' Children Stoop-Shouldered.

"Almost every farmer boy and girl is stoop-shouldered," says a Cincinnati physician. "I have often been at a loss to account for it, but a few days ago a solution of what I took to be a farm-er's children all wear broad-brimmed straw hats in summer, and as these blow off easily they are continually holding their heads down so as to bring the wind directly on the top. This position of the head becomes habitual, and go where you will you will see farmers' children holding their heads so."

Some Antic Volcanoes.

The most active volcanoes known are those on the island of Stromboli, in the Mediterranean, at Sanger, in Peru, and Mount Etna. For more than two thousand years the Stromboli mountain has been in constant activity, the one in Peru has been throwing out masses of stones, attended by terrible explosions, for one hundred and fifty years, and Etna has a record of eighty-one eruptions since the sixth century B. C.



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